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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 October 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 17 October 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babbit et al (U.S. 6618757) and McCann et al (U.S. 6,052,725).

As per claims 1,15,22 Babbit disclosed A system for remotely accessing an internet connection having a dynamic IP address, the system comprising: an internet appliance coupled to an internet connection; a dynamic IP relay hardware device coupled with said internet appliance and said internet connection (col. 2, lines 13-29); a dynamic IP address associated with said internet connection; and, said dynamic IP relay hardware is not a general purpose personal computer (col. 5, lines 38-48).

However Babbit failed to disclose said device being configured to report to a remote user, via said Internet connection.

In the same field of endeavor McCann disclosed The DHCP server enables a network to dynamically assign IP addresses to communication devices automatically. Once the communication session has ended, the local DHCP server reclaims to the local dynamic IP

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address from the communication device and makes the address available for reuse in local pool of local dynamic IP addresses (col. 4, lines 51-57).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to have incorporated said device being configured to report to a remote user, via said Internet connection as taught by McCann in the method of Babbit to increase the availability of the IP addresses during the high usage demand times.

3. As per claim 2 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said dynamic IP relay hardware comprises a microprocessor and software executed by said microprocessor which, in combination, are configured to generate a report of an IP address for said internet connection in response to an occurrence of a predetermined event (McCann, col. 3, lines 6-23).

4. As per claim 3 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said predetermined event comprises a passage of a predetermined amount of time (Babbit, col. 9, lines 3-14).

5. As per claims 4,16 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said predetermined event comprises a determination, at least in part, by monitoring software, that a dynamic IP address for said internet connection has been changed (McCann, col. 3, lines 6-23).

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6. As per claim 5 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said report is configurable in response to a particular configuration state of configuration software executed by said microprocessor (McCann, col. 6, lines 40-63).

7. As per claim 6 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said configuration software is configured to provide for configuration thereof by a device external to said dynamic IP relay hardware device (McCann, col. 6, lines 40-63).

8. As per claim 7 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said dynamic IP relay hardware device comprises a printed circuit board disposed in a case housing other electronic hardware coupled to a computer network (McCann, col. 6, lines 52-62).

9. As per claim 8 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said microprocessor assists in initiating a dial-up Internet connection in response to an incoming telephone call (Babbit, col. 5, lines 23-34).

10. As per claims 9,17 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein a security procedure is completed prior to initiating said dial-up Internet connection (Babbit, col. 5, lines 23-34).

11. As per claim 10 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said security procedure comprises matching incoming information with predetermined information (McCann, col. 4, lines 25-44).

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12. As per claim 11 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said incoming information comprises a series of DTMF tones (McCann, lines 5-19).

13. As per claim 12 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said incoming information comprises caller ID information (McCann, col. 4, lines 5-11).

14. As per claims 13,19 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said dynamic IP relay hardware device comprises a stand-alone device which is not completely housed within a case containing a modem (McCann, col. 3, lines 6-23).

15. As per claim 14 Babbit-McCann disclosed wherein said dynamic IP relay hardware device comprises a stand-alone device which is not completely housed within a case containing a router (McCann, col. 3, lines 7-23).

16. As per claims 18,23 Babbit-McCann disclosed further comprising the steps of: answering an incoming telephone call; receiving incoming authorization information during said incoming telephone call (McCann, col. 5, lines 32-39); matching said incoming authorization information to predetermined authorization information; initiating a dial-up connection in response to said step of matching said incoming authorization information to predetermined authorization information; and wherein said dial-up connection comprises said internet connection (McCann, col. 5, lines 39-54).

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17. As per claims 20,21 Babbit-McCann disclosed a system for accessing information from an unattended internet appliance via an internet connection having dynamic IP addresses comprising: an unattended internet appliance; a telephone modem disposed between and interconnecting said unattended internet appliance with a remote user via a dial-up internet connection (McCann, col. 3, lines 6-23); a stand-alone electronic hardware device which is not a general purpose personal computer and which is further not disposed in a case with a device which is configured for communicating information across a computer network; said stand-alone electronic hardware device comprising a microprocessor and memory which is configured to store software therein which is executed by said microprocessor (McCann, col. 6, lines 40-63); said stand-alone electronic hardware device being configured to receive report configuration commands from an external personal computer; said microprocessor and said software together configured to initiate said dial up internet connection in response to an incoming telephone call which authorizes said dial-up internet connection only after incoming information is matched to predetermined authorization information (Babbit, col. 5, lines 23-34); and, said microprocessor and said software together further configured to generate an e-mail report indicating a current IP address for said dial-up internet connection, where said e-mail report is in response to said report configuration commands (McCann, col. 3, lines 6-23).

Conclusion

18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Adnan Mirza whose telephone number is (703)-305-4633.

19. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dharia Rupal can be reached on (703)-305-4003. The fax for this group is (703)-746-7239.

20. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are as follows:

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